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Re: Islander East Proposed Schedule - Consistency Appeal of the Islander East Pipeline Company

Dear Counsel:

As you are aware, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (State) recently reiterated its objection to the Islander East pipeline project in a letter dated July 29, 2003. The State acted after Islander East's administrative appeal was remanded by the Department of Commerce to allow the State to consider new information concerning the natural gas pipeline project.

On August 1, 2003, Islander East proposed a schedule for resuming proceedings of the appeal before the Department of Commerce. The State may submit views, if any, concerning Islander East's suggested schedule – or related issues raised by its letter – **by August 7, 2003**. The State need not comment concerning the timing of reply briefs, as this matter will be considered at a later date. Written comments should be sent to the attention of Branden Blum of this office.

Sincerely,

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for Ocean Services

cc: Frank L. Amoroso, Esq.

